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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. **HB1252** - 2/17/98

Introduced by: Representatives Fitzgerald, Belatti, Brooks, Collier, Duenwald, Matthews, Pederson (Gordon), Van Gerpen, Wetz, and Wick and Senators Lange, Brown (Arnold), Staggers, and Vitter

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the insertion of certain language in marriage
2 license applications.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 25-1 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 The application for a marriage license shall contain the following statement:

7 "The laws of this state affirm your right to enter into this marriage and at the same time to
8 live within the marriage free from violence and abuse. Neither of you is the property of the other.
9 Physical abuse, sexual abuse, battery, and assault of a spouse or other family member, as well
10 as other provisions of the criminal laws of this state, are applicable to spouses and other family
11 members and violations thereof are punishable by law."

12 The application shall contain a separate line for the signatures of the applicants verifying that
13 the applicants have read and understand the statement.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 1/22/98 First read in House and referred to Judiciary. H.J. 181

3 1/30/98 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

4 1/30/98 Judiciary Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 12, NAYS 0. H.J. 318

5 2/3/98 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 50, NAYS 17. H.J. 367

6 2/3/98 House of Representatives Title Amended Passed. H.J. 368

7 2/4/98 First read in Senate and referred to Judiciary. S.J. 337

8 2/14/98 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

9 2/14/98 Judiciary Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 7, NAYS 0. S.J. 529